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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

Kindly amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, before line 4:

This application claims priority of US provisional patent application 60/152,457
filed September 3, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 24 filed in this international application, and enter new
claims 25 to 52. The fees for eight (8) claims beyond 20 in enclosed in our check for
payment of the national stage entry filing fee submitted herewith.